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Rural Water Supply - Comprehensive scheme - Progress of works and expenditure for the Half-Year ending 30th September Review - Recorded.

REVENUE-DEPARTMENT

C.No.26697 A/48. SUBJECT.

RURAL WATER SUPPLY - Provincial Comprehensive Scheme - Progress of works and expenditure for the Half Year ending 30th September 1947 - Review.

B.P.Routine No.2166.

Station:-Madras. Dated 8th April 1948.

From

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Read: Statements received from all Collectors except Madras.

RESOLUTION:

The Board submits to the Government a statement showing the progress of works and the expenditure incurred under the comprehensive scheme of Rural Water Supply for the half year ending 30th September 1947.

2. PROGRESS OF WORKS:

During the half year under review 528 works were completed and 3065 works were in-progress. As many as 63 works were completed and abandoned as the water met with in these cases was brackish. The progress of works is below 10% in the Districts of Vizagapatam, Guntur, Cuddapah, Anantapur, Bellary, Kurnool, Chittoor, North Arcot, Tanjore, Madura, Ramnad, Tinnevelly, Coimbatore, and Salem, between 10% and 20% in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Kistna, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot and Trichinopoly and above 20% in the district of Malabar.

VIZAGAPATAM: In this district, out of 604 works programmed for the year, only 41 works have been completed during the half year under review against 109 works in the previous half year. As many as 298 works were reported to be in progress and 2 works abandoned. Except in Narasapatam and Vizagapatam Divisions where 17 works and 13 works respectively have been completed, the progress in the other divisions is only nominal. This District covers a wide area and the provision of drinking water facilities particularly in the agency villages is becoming increasingly important. The Collector has not reported how many works were completed in the agency. He is requested to furnish separate figures in future. The Board expects better progress in the coming half years.

EAST GODAVARI: In this district, 55 works have been completed during the half year out of 490 programmed for execution, against 50 in the previous half year. 164 works were reported to be in progress. In his review, the Collector reports that 409 works have so far been completed and that 164 works were in progress while according to the statement appended to the review, 55 works were completed and 109 works were in progress. Evidently the figures in the review are incorrect. The Collector is informed that mere issue of instructions to the Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars is not of much avail. These officers should exercise greater vigilance

in supervision. Constant check by those officers will have a salutary effect in accelerating the execution of well works. The Collector is requested to instruct the Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars to make constant inspections in respect of well works in progress and goad the Minor Irrigation Overseers and the contractors to complete them as quickly as possible.

WEST GODAVARI: Out of 162 works programmed for the year only 29 works have been completed during the half year against 18 in the previous half year. 28 works were reported to be in progress. The progress in the three divisions viz. Ellore, Bhimavaram and Kovvur is very unsatisfactory. The Collector is requested to impress on his subordinates that the Government attach special importance to this scheme and to show better progress in future. As many as 14 works were reported to have been abandoned. The Collector has not given his reasons for abandoning such a large number of works. The Board presumes that the Collector has satisfied himself that adequate reasons have been furnished for the abandonment of suhh a large number of works.

KISTNA: In this district, 227 works were programmed for execution during the year. 35 works have been completed during the half year against 30 in the previous half year. 107 works were reported to be in progress and 5 works abandoned. The work done in this district except in Bandar division is far from satisfactory. Inspite of repeated adverse remarks by the Board, the progress is still very poor. The Board wishes to impress on the Collector that the Government attach special importance to this branch of work and he is informed that all the works should be completed within the year and that no work should be carried forward to the next year as was done hitherto.

GUNTUR: Of the 155 works programmed for execution during 1947-48, only 11 works have been completed against 56 in the previous half year. 48 Works were reported to be in progress. The progress is very unsatisfactory. There is a complete falling off in progress compared with that during the last half year and the Collector has not gone into the reasons for this fall. The Collector is requested to examine the reasons for the poor progress and to take suitable action against the officers responsible for this neglect. He is also requested to make the Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars personally responsible for the execution of works as no progress worth the name can be expected if things are allowed to drift and if the Minor Irrigation Overseers are left to themselves.

NELLORE: In this district, 443 works were programmed for execution. Only 78 works have been completed during the half year against 124 in the previous half year. 365 works were reported to be in progress. 16 works have been shown under the column "Number of works completed but abandoned" in the statement but the Collector has not mentioned anything about this in his review. The number of works abandoned (16) is very large. The number shown under progress is considerable. Though the months covered by the review are the most suitable months for the execution of well works, the progress made is far from satisfactory. It is seen from the Collector's review that no new works were programmed for the year 1947-48 with a view to complete the incomplete works of the previous year. The Board hopes that all the 365 works in progress would be completed as early as possible.

CUDDAPAH: 524 works were prgrammed for execution during the year 1947-48. Only 12 works have been completed during the half year against 54 in the previous half year. 512 works

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were reported to be in progress and 2 abandoned. The progress continues to be unsatisfactory in spite of special instructions issued to the Collectors of Ceded Districts that particular attention should be paid to the provision of drinking water facilities in these districts. The Collector has adduced the following five reasons for the slow progress:-

(1) Though the Public Works Department schedule of rates has been revised, the local rates are steadily increasing and markedly so in respect of skilled labour, so much so that the contractors are unable to pay higher wages to the labourers.

(2) Though the contractors try their best to get the required quantity of blasting materials, they are unable to get the same at the sceduled rates. The blasting operations are costly and progress in blasting depends on the nature of the rock met with, but the schedule of rates does not provide sufficient rates for different kinds of rock.

(3) Hitherto, when rock is usually met with in all the wells, the contractors were being allowed actuals plus 10% towards their profit but now on the receipt of revised schedule of rates, the contractors show their dissatisfaction and refuse to do work for fear that they would incur loss.

(4) The works, being very many and scattered require too many subordinates to supervise them but non-availability of qualified hands has rendered it necessary to appoint unqualified hands, who are not well accustomed to supervise and execute the works.

(5) Qualified hands are not forthcoming as the scale of pay fixed is not attractive.

As regards points 1 to 3 the attention of the Collector is invited to the new procedure outlined by Government and communicated in B.P.Misl 1684, dated 8-12-1948 and the Collector is requested to take action accordingly. As regards point 4, the Board considers that the supervisory part of the work should be shared by the Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Minor Irrigation Overseers as these Officers are on tour on many days. If they make it a point to inspect the well works in progress during their tours the difficulty now experienced can to some extent be overcome. These Officers should be made responsible for the supervision of these works in future. As regards the paucity of qualified staff, the Collector is informed that the Government have been addressed for opening special courses for training overseers, who would be drafted into this branch of work. The Board expects that better and substantial progress will be shown during the next half years.

ANANTAPUR: In this district, out of 206 works programmed for execution during 1947-48, only 19 works have been completed during the half year, against 27 in the previous half year. As many as 150 works were reported to be in progress and 3 abandoned. The progress is not satisfactory. The Board expects better results during the ensuing half years.

BELLARY: Out of 109 works programmed for execution for the year 1947-48, only 8 works have been completed during the half year against 65 in the previous half year. 72 works were reported to be in progress. The progress is most discouraging and there has been a considerable fall in the execution of works. This shows that the Revenue Divisional Officers, Tahsildars and the Rural Water Supply Staff have not paid adequate attention to this branch of work. The Collector is requested to take suitable action against those who are responsible for such slow progress and report the result to the Board.

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KURNOOL: In this District, 115 works were programmed for execution during 1947-48. Only 5 works have been completed during the half year against 12 in the previous half year. 70 Works were reported to be in progress and 4 abandoned. The progress is very poor and at this rate, the target can never be achieved. The Collector has adduced the following two reasons for the slow xx progress:

(1) want of labour, because it is getting accustomed to less arduous work at higher wages;

(2) frequent revision of estimates for some reason or other.

The Board considers that the difficulty in securing labour cannot be adduced as a reason for holding up progress and must gradually disappear as things are returning to normal. Again, revision of estimates need not deter progress and this betrays the inefficiency of the technical staff. The Collector is informed that he should not urge such reasons for slow progress and that he should take personal interest in the matter and tighten up control with a view to ensure progress worth the name.

CHINGLEPUT: Out of 376 works programmed, only 58 works ha been completed during the half year against 59 in the previous half year. The progress in the taluks of Saidapet, Sri-perumbad Ponneri, Tiruvallore and Conjeevaram is very unsatisfactory. The Collector has called for the xx explanations of the Tahsildars concerned. The Tahsildars have also been directed to furnish to the Collector at every one of his camps an upto date statement showing the position in the taluk in regard to the number of incomplete works and the progress of expenditure giving detailed remarks in respect of each work pending completion and final payment. The Board awaits a further report from the Collector regarding the result of the action taken by him on the explanations called for from the Officers concerned.

Seven overseers have been sactioned for the district the Collector is requested to consider the desirability of appointing a Minor Irrxx Irrigation Supervisor to attend exclusively to Rural Water Supply Work if the full complement is working. He may submit specific proposals in this regard in due course.

CHITTOOR: In this district, 111 works were programmed for the year. Only 5 works have been completed during the half year against 39 in the previous half year. 77 works were reported to be in progress and 4 abandoned. The progress is very unsatisfactory. It is seen from the taluk-war review that even though the number of works programmed was very small in the taluks of Madanapalle, Vayalpad and Chendragiri, no work has been completed during the half year under review and the progress in the other taluks is equally bad. The Collector is requested to call for the explanation of the Officers concerned and take suitable action against them and report the result of the action taken to the Board, as repeated instructions to these Officers seem to be of no avail.

NORTH ARCOT: Out of 424 works programmed for the year, 32 works have been completed during the half year against 52 in the previous half year. 145 works were reported to be in progress. The progress is most unsatisfactory. This poor progress during the favourable season does little credit to the staff in charge of the scheme. No work has been completed in the taluks of Arkonam and Wallajah, though 35 works and 30 works respectively were prgrammed. The progress in other taluks is also equally poor. The Collector is requested to launch

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a special drive to improve the situation and to show better progress in the coming half years.

Now that an Minor Irrigation Supervisor has been appointed to attend exclusively to Rural Water Supply works, the Board hopes that all the works programmed will be completed within the year.

SOUTH ARCOT: In this district, 273 works were programmed for execution during 1948-48, but only 38 works have been completed during the half year, against 21 in the previous half year. 102 works were reported to be in progress and 2 abandoned. The progress is very poor in all the taluks except Villupuram, Tirukoilur, and Cuddalore. The Board observes that better results would have been achieved if the Revenue Officials had exercised more effective control over the R.W.S. Staff. The Board expects better progress during the coming half years.

TANJORE: Out of 151 works programmed for execution, only 8 works have been completed during the half year against 135 in the previous half year. 11 works were reported to be in progress and 1 abandoned. There has been a considerable falling off from the good progress of last half year. The progress is very disappointing. No work was completed in the divisions of Mayavaram Negapatam, Mannargudi and Pattukottai. If the revenue officials concerned had exercised proper control and frequeat check over Rural Water Supply staff, it would have been possible to complete the platforms for 52 works and also the 21 incomplete works of the previous year. The Collector is informed that he should take suitable action against those who exhibit continued slackness in this branch of work. The Board expects better results in future.

TRICHINOPOLY: In this district, 112 works were programmed for execution during the year 1948-48. Only 21 works have been completed during the half year against 40 in the previous half year. 89 works were reported to be in progress and 2 abandoned. From the taluk-war review, it is seen that all the 112 works in progress are only the incomplete works of the previous years. It is very discouraging to note that a very large number of those works of the previous years have not been completed even during the favourable season covered by the period under review. No work was completed in Karur taluk. Only one work has been completed in Trichinopoly and Lalgudi taluks while in Perambalur Taluk only 2 have been completed. The Collector is requested to call for the explanations of the officers concerned and report the result of the action taken by him on these explanations.

MADURA: Out of 169 works programmed only 8 have been completed during the half year against 28 in the previous half year. The prgress is very poor and most discouragingg in all the three divisions. Only one work was completed in Melur division. 2 works of the previous year were completed in Dindigul division, and 5 works of the previous year were completed in Usilampatti division. Leaving programmed works unfinished is a clear sign of want of check and supervision on the part of the Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars who should be held responsible for the slack execution of these works. The Board expects that the Collector would take every step to see that better results are achieved during the coming half years and may apply for such additional staff as may be necessary.

RAMNAD: In this district, 171 works were programmed for execution during the year 1947-48; but only 17 works have been completed during the half year against 84 in the previous half year. 154 works were reported to be in progress. There has been a complete falling off in progress compared with the previous

------previous half years. The Collector's review is very short and does not refer to any particulars regarding the number of works programmed and the number completed in each taluk. The prgress is very unsatisfactory. This is a dry district, which requires greater attention in the matter of the provision of drinking water facilities. The Board observes that the Collector should launch a special drive to see that all the works in progress and the new works that were taken up for execution are completed immediately.

TINNEVELLY: Out of the 98 works programmed for execution, only 8 works have been completed during the half year, against 33 in the previous half year. The prgress is very unsatisfactory. In spite of adverse remarks passed by the Board in its previous reviews, no improvement is made. The Collector has observed that in spite of repeated instructions, the Revenue Divisional Officers and Tahsildars have not realised their sense of responsibility but that they have allowed matter to drift. When once instructions have been found to be of no avail, the only course open is to take action against the negligent subordinate. The Collector is requested to call for the explanations of the Officers responsible for indifference and continued neglect and deal with them suitably. The Board expects better results in future.

COIMBATORE: In this district, 80 works were prgrammed for execution but only 6 works have been completed during the half year against 31 in the previous half year. 74 works were reported to be in progress. From the particulars of work done, it is seen that no work was completed in the taluks of Avanashi, Coimbatore, Dharapuram, Palladam, Pollachi and Ulunderpet. The other taluks fare little better. The Collector's review is very short and gives no information regarding the reasons for the slow progress and does not cover all the points that should be dealt with in a review, particularly when the pregress is so bad. The Collector is informed that he should launch a special drive to accelerate the execution of well works under Rural Water Supply scheme and show better progress in future.

SALEM: Out of 479 works programmed for execution during the year 1947-48, only 40 works have been completed during the half year against 57 in the previous half year. 167 works were reported to be in progress and 1 abandoned. The progress is not satisfactory. From the taluk-war review it is seen that very poor progress was made in the taluks of Attur, Raispur, Krishnagiri, Trichengode and Namakal. The Collector has observed that with a special staff to attend to this branch of work the progress made is very unsatisfactory. A special Minor Irrigation Supervisor with a complement of Minor Irrigation Overseers have been put on the job and the Collector cannot have any reason for this indifferent and slack work. Apart from the Minor Irrigation Supervisor, the Revenue Officials are equally responsible and cannot be freed from their part of the blame. The Collector is requested to call for the explanations from the concerned officers and to deal with them suitably and to intimate the result of the action taken.

SOUTH KANARA: The Board observes from the statement, No.I showing the progress of works during the half year ending 30-9-47, that no new well works were prgrammed for the year 1947-48. (There was no new well work programmed for the year 1946-47 also). Of the 41 works taken up for completion, only 2 works have been completed during the half year against 'nil' in the previous half year. The progress is extremely unsatisfactory. The Collector's review is very short and gives no particulars with regard to the progress of the work done during the half year ending 30-9-47. The Board observes that the Collector should take personal interest in the matter, to accelerate the execution of well works.

MALABAR: In this district 81 works were prgrammed for execution during the year 1947-48. Only 22 works have been completed during the half year against 19 in the previous half year. 119 works were reported to be in progress and 3 abandoned. The progress is poor in all the divisions. except Palghat, where the number of works completed is 13. There is a slight improvement over the previous half year's progress. The Board is pleased to observe that only in this district a decent percentage of the work

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works has been completed. It expects better results during the coming half years.

II. PROGRESS OF EXPENDITURE.

From a perusal of statement No.2, the Board observes that the value of work done but not paid for is very heavy in the districts of East Godavari, Malabar, Nellore Vizagapatam, Cuddapah, Trichinopoly (i.e. more than 50,000/-. It is also heavy in the districts of Chingleput, Guntur, West Godavari, Kistna, Anantapur, Bellary, Chittoor, North Arcot, South Arcot, Madura, Ramnad and Salem (between 30 and 40 thousands in Chingleput and Guntur and between 10 and 20 thousands in other districts). The Board would emphasize that expenditure should also keept pace with the work done, as prompt payment will serve to induce the contractors to be more diligent. This has already been brought to the notice of the Collectors. In spite of the instructions already issued, the value of work done but not paid for is more than Rs.50,000/- in several districts. It will be significant to note in this connection, that more money is covered by work not paid for than actually disbursed. The Board is constrained to observe that this shows want of competence on the part of the overseers and of supervision by the Tahsildars. The works should be spread over much more evenly throughout the year. Holding up of work till the end of the year will result in a heavy rush of expenditure at the end of the official year necessitating payment even for incomplete works in an over-anxiety to spend the allotment any how, even if the work proves unprofitable.

INSPECTIONS.

From the statement of Inspections, the Board observes that the Revenue Divisional Officers of South Arcot District have inspected a large number of well works. The Revenue Divisional Officers of Vizagapatam, East Godavari, Nellore, Cuddapah, Chingleput, North Arcot, Trichinopoly and Anantapur districts have inspected a fair number of well works. The inspections made by the Revenue Divisional Officers of West Godavari, Kurnool, Chittoor, Ramnad, Tinnevelly and Coimbatore districts are not adequate. The inspections made by the Revenue Divisional Officers of Guntur, Bellary, Tanjore Madura, South Kanara and Malabar are very poor. In spite of repeated D.Os. and reminders, the Collector of Salem has sent only a copy of the inspection report relating to the month of September 1947 and not for the whole half year. The Board is constrained to observe that this has been mainly responsibl for the delay in the submission of the review. The Collector of Salem is informed that such ommissions should not be allowed to recur.

The Collectors of East Godavari, Guntur, Kurnool, Chittoor, Tanjo Trichinopoly, Ramnad, South Kanara and Malabar have not inspected any work while the Collectors of West Godavari, Kistna, Cuddapah, Bellary, Chingleput, South Arcot, Madura, Tinnevelly, Chittoor and Salem have inspected a few well works. The inspections made by the Collectors of North Arcot, Anantapur, Vizagapatam and Nellore are satisfactory.

On the whole, the Board observes that inspection of well works by Collectors and by the Revenue Divisional Officer has been most inadequat

In the last review, the Board observed that if the Collectors and the other Revenue Officers make it a point to send for the Minor Irrigation Overseers during their tours and enquire about the progress of works, the Minor Irrigation Overseers will realise that the Revenue Officials are showing personal interest in the matter, and therefore they would evince much more interest than before. The Board invites the attention of the Collectors to the observation made by it in this regard in B.P.6170 Rt. dated 27-10-1947. It consider that Collectors should make more frequent inspections in order that the subordinates may feel that at any time they may be hauled up for slack work.

PANCHAYATS

From the reviews received from the Collectors, it is observed that no work programmed for execution during 1947-48 in the panchayat areas in the districts of West Godavari, Nellore Cuddapah, Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Coimbatore and South Kanara. The progress made in other districts is shown bel

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VIZAGAPATAM:- Out of 46 works proposed for execution during the years 1944-45 and 47-48, it appears that no work has been completed. During the last half year, the Collector reported that estimates for 32 works were received but he has not stated whether these estimates have been sanctioned and the works have commenced. A separate report should be submitted in this regard.

EAST GODAVARI: In this district, 16 works were programmed but only 6 works have been completed. In the last half yearly review, the Collector reported that 4 works were completed and 2 works were in progress. Presumably only the remaining two works have been completed during the current half year. The Collector is requested to report whether the presumption is correct.

KISTNA: The Collector has stated that estimates for the construction of overhead tanks in Nandigama and Vellure have been sanctioned. He has not reported whether these works have been put into execution. The Board observed that no work has so far been completed in the district and that at this rate it will take a considerable time to make any progress worth the name.

GUNTUR: Out of 29 works programmed for execution in this district, 9 works were completed up to the end of the previous half year. Only 3 works have been completed during the half year under review. 2 works were reported to be in progress and 1 abandoned. The remaining works have not yet to be taken up. The Collector is requested to see that these works are taken up immediately and completed as early as possible.

ANANTAPUR: Of the 5 works proposed for execution, it is reported that the works in Goramtala and Yadiki are in progress, while materials are being collected for the work in Madakasira town. The well work at Renukonda has been abandoned. An estimate has been sanctioned for deepening the well in Kalyandrug town.

BELLARY: In the report for the half year ending 31-3-47 the Collector reported that 3 works were proposed for execution, and that 1 work is in progress while the other two are pending sanction of estimates. The Collector, in the present review, makes reference only to the well work in Kamalapuram village of Hospet taluk and makes no reference to the other 2 works. The Collector is requested to report whether the estimates for these works were sanctioned and whether the works were taken up for execution.

KURNOOL: 3 works were sanctioned in Peapalli panchayat village. Of these, one has been completed and the remaining two are in progress. All the 3 works in Giddalur have already been completed.

CHINGLEPUT: Out of 6 works sanctioned for the year 2 works have been completed during the half year and the other 4 works were reported to be in progress

CHITTOOR: Of the 7 works pending execution, 2 works have been completed during the half year while the other 5 works are in progress.

NORTH ARCOT: 3 works were programmed for execution in the district. 2 works were reported to be in progress and one is pending sanction of estimate.

SOUTH ARCOT: 25 works were programmed for execution. 3 works were reported to be in progress. Two bore wells are

pending execution by the Industries Department. Estimates for the remaining 20 works have not yet been received. The Collector is requested to see that the estimates for these 20 works are sanctioned and the works completed soon.

MADURA: 8 works were programmed for execution. Estimate for the construction of one overhead tank at Vadamadurai village alone was sanctioned but not taken up for execution. The Collector is requested to take immediate steps to see that all the 8 works are taken up and completed soon.

RAMNAD: Out of 10 works programmed for execution only 3 works in Mudukulathur Panchayat have been completed. The remaining 7 works have not yet been taken up for execution. The Collector is requested to see that these works are taken up immediately and completed.

TINNEVELLY: In this distict, 13 works were programmed but the estimates for 9 works have been sanctioned. The execution however has not yet been taken up. The Collector is requested to see that as many works as possible are completed in the panchayat area, in future.

SALEM: 22 works were programmed for the year 1947-48. Only 3 works have been completed and one is pending final payment. The execution of 12 works is pending. The Collector is requested to see that all the pending works are taken up and completed soon.

MALABAR: Out of the 15 works programmed for 47-48, five works have been completed and one abandoned. The works were reported to be in progress. The Collector is requested to take up the execution of the remaining works at an early date.

GENERAL: From the reviews and statements received from the Collectors, the Board observes that indifference and slackness continue to exist in the execution of Rural Water Supply works. The Board has, times without number, brought to the notice of the Collectors the importance that should be attached to this branch of work. The Collectors should, by now, be well aware that the provision of protected water supply should receive top priority at their hands. Of late, the Revenue Department has been the target of attack in this direction. Sri Kaleswara Rao, who was the president of the Committee constituted for accelerating the pace in the execution of protected water supply, has also drawn pointed attention to the delay by the Revenue Department. The scheme, has, of late, received considerable attention of the Government, who have now instituted a 1 crore fund with an annual contribution of 15 lakhs from the current revenues. This has been done with the avowed objected that the Rural Water Supply works are not in any way impeded for want of funds. The provision of protected water supply in the villages lying within the firkas selected for intensive work has also been taken up by the Government.

The Board has also, of late, been doing its best to see that the provision of protected water supply in every village is accelerated to the maximum extent. It has already submitted specific proposals in this regard, which if approved by the Government will go in a great way to improve the present situation. If the Government decide to open special classes for training urgently some batches of overseers or constitute the Public Health Engineering department at an early date, the pace in the execution of well works may be quickened.

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It has also come to the notice of the Board that the execution of Rural Water Supply works is hampered for want of pumping sets. This general question has been referred to all Collectors and the Board will submit separately concrete proposals in this regard.

The Board has also issued instructions to all Collectors that the progress of work should be quickened and expects that Collectors, who are primarily responsible for the success of the Rural Water Supply Scheme will devote special attention, so that no work scheduled for execution in a particular year is carried over unnecessarily to the next year.

When necessary funds are available and all the additional technical staff required is being sanctioned whenever asked for, the Board considers that the poor progress is a sad commentary on the inefficiency of the technical staff. This is also partly attributable to the indifference and apathy of the Revenue staff in general. The Board considers that the technical staff is wholly responsible for the actual execution of well works, while the Revenue officials could help in a general administrative capacity, their initative and drive being very essential.

The Board has applied for a special staff (of 1 Collector and 8 Deputy Collectors) in connection with the subsidy well scheme. This staff could be asked to take interest in the Rural Water Supply Scheme also, as they will be moving about a good deal and inspecting wells in villages. As the Rural Water Supply wells are generally located in the habited village proper, the special staff could inspect these wells without much difficulty.

The return for the half year ending 30-9-47 was due from the Collectors on 15th October 1947 but none of them submitted it in time. Some of them, for instance, the Collectors of West Godavari, Chittoor, Coimbatore, South Kanara and Malabar submitted very late in December, while the Collector of Kurnool submitted it on 4-1-48, after a long delay. On scrutiny, the Collectors' reviews were found defective and incomplete in some respects and the references had to be issued to make them complete. The Board requests the ~~reference~~ Collectors to submit correct and complete returns on the due date without fail.

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for Joint Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.(with statements).

To the Collectors of all districts except Madras,(with statements)

To the Secretary, Ceded Districts Economic Development Board, (with statements)

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Superintendent,
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STATEMENT No.I.

Statement showing the progress of works under Provincial Comprehensive Scheme of Rural Water Supply for the half year ending 30-9-1947.

District.	Total No. of works taken for the year according to the annual programme as well as the unfinished of the previous half-year.	No. of works in progress including the unfinished works of the previous year.	No. of works completed during the half year	No.of works completed and abandoned e.g. ground to contain brackish water and abandoned as failure.	Percentage of Col. No.(5) to(3).
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1. Vizagapatam	604	298	41	2	6.1
2. East Godavari	490	164	55	-	11.0
3. West Godavari	162	28	29	14	17.1
4. Kistna	227	107	35	5	15.0
5. Guntur	155	48	11	-	7.0
6. Nellore	443	365	78	16	17.1
7. Cuddapah	524	512	12	2	2.0
8. Anantapur	206	150	19	3	9.4
9. Bellary	109	72	8	-	7.0
10. Kurnool	115	70	5	-	4.0
11. Chingleput	376	190	58	-	15.0
12. Chittoor	111	77	5	4	4.1
13. North Arcot	424	145	22	-	5.0
14. South Arcot	273	102	38	2	13.1
15. Tanjore	151	11	8	1	5.0
16. Trichinopoly	112	89	21	2	18.1
17. Madura	169	53	8	-	4.1
18. Ramnad	171	154	17	-	9.1
19. Tinnevelly	98	31	8	8	8.1
20. Coimbatore	80	74	6	-	7.1
21. Nilgiris	...	...	..	-	....
22. Salem	479	167	40	1	8.0
23. South Kanara	....	39	2	-	...
24. Malabar	81	119	22	3	27.0
	5560	3065	528	63	9.5

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STATEMENT No. 2.

Statement showing the progress of expenditure on works financed from the Provincial Comprehensive Scheme of Rural Water Supply for the half year ending 30-9-47.

Districts.	Amount spent upto the Half year ending 30-9-1947.	Value of work done but not paid for.	Total value of work done upto date.
1. Vizagapatam	1,12,859 15 0	60,027 0 0	1,72,886 15 0
2. East Godavari	65,344 0 0	77,536 0 0	1,42,880 0 0
3. West Godavari	23,969 11 0	19,779 2 6	43,748 13 6
4. Kistna	36,140 0 0	13,140 9 9	49,280 9 9
5. Guntur	38,649 0 0	31,451 0 0	70,100 0 0
6. Nellore	52,138 0 0	61,699 0 0	1,13,837 0 0
7. Cuddapah.	21,903 0 0	56,820 0 0	78,723 0 0
8. Anantapur	31,723 8 0	16,657 0 0	48,380 8 0
9. Bellary	5,453 6 9	13,839 0 0	19,292 6 9
10. Kurnool	9,716 6 5	520 0 0	10,236 6 5
11, Chingleput	31,597 0 0	34,815 0 0	66,412 0 0
12. Chittoor	5,284 0 0	15,453 0 0	20,737 0 0
13. North Arcot	78,888 9 0	18,255 14 0	97,144 7 0
14. South Arcot	17,456 0 0	11,349 0 0	28,805 0 0
15. Tanjore	1,093 12 0	...	1,093 12 0
16. Trichinopoly	24,200 0 0	52,827 0 0	77,027 0 0
17. Madura	1,391 8 0	16,458 0 0	17,849 8 0
18. Ramnad	3,813 0 0	18,805 0 0	22,618 0 0
19. Tinnevelly	471 0 0	6,722 0 0	7,193 0 0
20. Coimbatore	6,056 0 0	7,164 14 0	13,220 14 0
21. Nilgiris	...	...	...
22. Salem	29,146 0 0	15,257 3 6	44,403 3 6
23. South Kanara	10,025 0 0	1,500 0 0	11,525 0 0
24. Malabar	6,185 7 0	74,730 3 0	80,915 10 0
	6,13,504 3 2	6,24,805 14 9	12,38,310 1 11

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STATEMENT No. 3.

Statement of Inspections by Collectors and Revenue Divisional Officers.

Districts.	By Collectors.	By Revenue Divisional Officers.
Vizagapatam	11	45
East Godavari	--	48
West Godavari	7	6
Kistna	7	24
Guntur	--	1
Nellore	10	46
Cuddapah	7	35
Anantapur	20	29
Bellary	4	6
Kurnool	--	14
Chingleput	3	51
Chittoor	--	20
North Arcot	12	58
South Arcot	6	67
Tanjore	--	2
Trichinopoly	--	51
Madura	1	4
Ramnad	--	16
Tinnevelly.	2	18
Coimbatore	6	24
Nilgiris	--	--
Salem.	1	*Report about R.D.O's inspections not received.
South Kanara	1	11
Malabar.	--	8
	97	584

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